Financial Service Scheme

4248. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Financial Scheme meant for small scale industries is functioning in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted to provide financial assistance during the last three years, for setting up of new projects, expansion, diversification, modernisation, technology, upgradation, quality improvement, rehabilitation of existing units and strengthening of marketing capabilities of SSI units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Small Industries Development Bank of India provides credit to the small scale industries all over the country including Gujarat.

(b) The assistance is made available through appropriate schemes of direct assistance and indirect assistance (Refinance of loans to small scale industries by prime lending institutions *viz.* Banks/State Financial Corporations and State Industries Development Corporations).

The criterion adopted for providing assistance to entrepreneurs during the last three years for the purpose of setting up of new projects, expansion diversification, modernisation, technology upgradation, quality improvement, rehabilitation of existing units; and strengthening of marketing capabilities of SSI units, is to ensure that no worthwhile proposal is denied credit by it for want of funds. First generation technocrats, women entrepreneurs and those in the tiny sector are encouraged to set up their units with lower promoters' contribution, lower debt equity ratio, etc.

Recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee

†4249. SHRI GOPALSING G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee for the small scale industries sector;

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